

Final Minutes
EIIP Co-Chairs Conference Call
May 15, 2002
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

ATTENDEES

Dennis Beauregard, Steering Committee
Herb Sherrow, Steering Committee
Roger Westman, Steering Committee
Chuck Mann, Area Sources Committee
Roy Huntley, Point Sources Committee
Bob Betterton, Point Sources Committee
Greg Stella, Emissions Modeling Committee
Gary Dolce, Mobile Sources Committee
Garry Brooks, ERG

Dennis first asked if there were any comments on the minutes prepared for the February 20, 2002 Co-Chairs conference call. No comments on the minutes were voiced by the participants of this call. Progress reports of the Point Sources, Area Sources, Emissions Modeling, and Mobile Sources Committees were presented. Additional topics of discussion included the Atlanta inventory conference, the recent Standing Air Emissions Work Group (SAEWG) meeting, and the EIIP response to the MARAMA letter on selected area sources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Point Sources Committee

The Point Sources Committee (PSC) report was provided by Roy Huntley. Roy indicated that the PSC has been inactive for several months and nothing has been going on. Limited work has been conducted to finalize Chapter 15 on Graphic Arts. Dennis commented that there was also interest in revamping parts of the Paint and Ink Manufacturing chapter (Chapter 8), and this may be future work for the PSC.

Area Sources Committee

Chuck Mann gave the Area Sources Committee (ASC) report. He reported that there were ASC activities ongoing, but they were at a low level. ERG is continuing to update the area sources guidance volume (all chapters and abstracts) to incorporate the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes in place of Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. Next month, the committee will receive an update from Ron Ryan on the status of work to update the emissions estimation methods for stationary area source fuel combustion and gasoline marketing. Chuck noted that he and Ray Bishop, the ASC state co-chair, recently met and

discussed potential new activities the committee could undertake. No specific projects were identified.

Emissions Modeling Committee

Greg Stella provided the report for this Committee and noted that they have been active on both the spatial allocation project and the sensitivity analysis project. On the spatial allocation project, new spatial allocation data have been identified through the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the state Department of Transportation, and the Raleigh Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that could be very useful to the project. These groups will be providing the Committee data on things like housing, population, employment, and planned development that are being generated as a part of the agencies' transportation planning analyses. The Committee plans to use the data in a case study for spatial allocation. The case study can be used and extrapolated by others as a reference point for their geographic areas in terms of the sources and types of data collected for future spatial allocation assessments. The case study will illustrate how the various data can be combined to more accurately estimate the placement of emissions in an area. There will be a formal Committee call in about a month to discuss this new data and how it will be applied in the project.

Greg stated that the sensitivity analysis project is currently on hold. There are several active efforts underway within various regional planning organizations (RPOs) to collect data on sensitivity analyses. The Committee does not want to embark on work that might be duplicative or redundant with what the RPOs are doing. Once the results from the RPO research have been obtained, the Committee can better see what areas or questions need further research and reinitiate its sensitivity analysis project. It should be noted that the Committee will not be conducting any kind of formal review of the RPO results. It may, however, compile all of the RPO sensitivity information in one place as a handy reference tool for interested parties.

Greg also noted that the Committee's speciation project is currently on hold pending the identification of an EPA Work Assignment Manager (WAM).

Mobile Sources Committee

Dennis provided an update on activities for the Mobile Sources Committee. He reported that he is still involved in trying to get funds for a couple of mobile source projects to various RPOs. Specifically, he is working to get funds to the Southeastern States Air Resource Managers (SESARM) and the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO). The paper work for this reprogramming of funds has been stuck in EPA headquarters for several months. Dennis commented that in the future, similar funding efforts will be accomplished through commitment notices and not reprogramming of funds. This is the method he is using to convey grant funds to Region 10 for a Puget Sound project under John Anderson.

Gary Dolce of the Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) indicated that he and Gene Tierney (also from OTAQ) are now acting as the EPA co-chairs for the Mobile Sources Committee. Based on comments made at the recent SAEWG meeting, there is still a desire to identify a co-chair from a state or local agency.

PM-2.5 Committee

No report was given for this Committee since no co-chair was present on the call.

OTHER BUSINESS

Atlanta Inventory Conference

Dennis reported that the inventory conference was very successful and the EIIP booth was well received. There was a lot of interest from attendees in EIIP materials and requests were made to have more materials available in an electronic format. Dennis indicated that in future booth exhibits, there should be a computer available with an Air CHIEF CD-ROM to better demonstrate EIIP products. Dennis thanked EIIP members who helped staff the booth.

SAEWG Meeting

Dennis indicated that good progress was made at the meeting in discussing inventory needs and project roles that EIIP can play. The minutes of the EIIP portion of the meeting have been summarized. A list of recommended EIIP projects and their associated funding has been compiled and sent out to the Steering Committee for review. Activities that need to be initiated include posting of Requests for Abstracts and deciding on funding levels, identifying project WAMs, and getting grant monies to the necessary agencies.

MARAMA Letter

Dennis reminded everyone of the letter received earlier from MARAMA requesting that EIIP do further investigation of industrial adhesive, gas can, and dry cleaner source categories. EIIP made a commitment to MARAMA to revisit the available guidance for these categories and determine if improvements are possible. The program needs to follow up on this. For gas cans, several states (e.g., California, Texas) have launched their own studies and are finding that the category may be a much more significant emissions source than previously thought. Staff at TNRCC in Texas have expressed interest in working on some type of gas can project with EIIP. Dennis plans to coordinate activities with Chuck Mann on these area source categories under the ASC.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was identified by call attendees. Dennis noted that discussions are proceeding with STAPPA/ALAPCO on the future course and funding of the program. Emission inventory

needs will be intensively examined before any funding commitments are made. Right now things are very busy getting the EIIP revamping process implemented.

NEXT CALL

The next teleconference call is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2002, at 3 p.m. EDT. The call-in number will be distributed by e-mail with an agenda several days prior to the call.